



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 93

LCO No. 819

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and
Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT EXTENDING THE PERIOD TO VOID CERTAIN CONTRACTS
MADE IN VIOLATION OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST PROVISIONS
OF THE STATE ETHICS CODE FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (i) of section 1-84 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2003*):

4 (i) No public official or state employee or member of [his] the
5 official or employee's immediate family or a business with which [he]
6 the official or employee is associated shall enter into any contract with
7 the state, valued at one hundred dollars or more, other than a contract
8 of employment as a state employee or pursuant to a court
9 appointment, unless the contract has been awarded through an open
10 and public process, including prior public offer and subsequent public
11 disclosure of all proposals considered and the contract awarded. In no
12 event shall an executive head of an agency, as defined in section 4-166,
13 including a commissioner of a department, or an executive head of a
14 quasi-public agency, as defined in section 1-79, or [his] the executive

15 head's immediate family or a business with which [he] the executive
 16 head is associated enter into any contract with that agency or quasi-
 17 public agency. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as
 18 applying to any public official who is appointed as a member of the
 19 executive branch or as a member or director of a quasi-public agency
 20 and who receives no compensation other than per diem payments or
 21 reimbursement for actual or necessary expenses, or both, incurred in
 22 the performance of [his] the public official's duties unless such public
 23 official has authority or control over the subject matter of the contract.
 24 Any contract made in violation of this subsection shall be voidable by
 25 a court of competent jurisdiction if the suit is commenced within
 26 [ninety] one hundred eighty days of the making of the contract.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To extend the period during which a court may void certain contracts made in violation of the conflict of interest provisions of the state ethics code for public officials from ninety days to one hundred eighty days.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]